



RHODE ISLAND ELECTION CALENDAR 2012

**A Guide for Voters, Candidates,
Political Parties and Election Officials**



Bring ID when you j ote

The state's new Voter ID law requires poll workers to ask you for ID when you vote. Voter ID strengthens the public's faith in the integrity of our elections by enabling poll workers to match a voter's name to their face.

What is an acceptable ID?

IDs must be valid and cannot have expired.

Some of the acceptable Photo IDs are:

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1) RI driver's license | 5) U.S. military ID |
| 2) U.S. passport | 6) Employee ID |
| 3) RIPTA bus pass | |
| 4) College ID | |

Some acceptable non-Photo IDs for 2012 and 2013 are:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) Birth certificate | 3) Government-issued document |
| 2) Social Security card | 4) Medicare card |

Protecting Your Vote

No eligible voter will be turned away at the polls. Voters who do not bring ID to the polls can vote using a standard provisional ballot, which will be counted if the signature they give at the polling place matches the signature on their voter registration card.

We will provide a free Voter ID to voters who do not have an acceptable Photo ID.

Only Photo ID will be accepted at the polls beginning in 2014.

Mail ballots do not require Voter ID.

Visit sos.ri.gov for all the details and a complete list of IDs



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Secretary of State

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Dear Rhode Islander:

Among my duties as Secretary of State, there is no more important undertaking than assuring our elections are accessible to those who vote and those who wish to serve. Whether you will vote for the first time or plan to run for office, this guide contains all the information you need to play a role in the September primary and November election.

You will find all the key deadlines and basic facts about everything from registering to vote to filing declarations of candidacy. This guide even includes important dates and details regarding the state's new Voter ID requirements as well as campaign finance regulations, which are governed by the state Board of Elections.

In keeping with my pledge to employ technology to improve Rhode Islander's access to their government, the guide is posted on our website at sos.ri.gov, where it is available 24/7.

This strategy not only saves Rhode Islanders the cost of printing thousands of copies of the guide, it makes it easy for political parties, citizens and candidates to share links to the guide with their constituents, friends and supporters. Of course, we will provide hardcopies upon request.

Government belongs to the people. The more they know, the better they will be served. If you need additional information, please contact our Elections Division at 401-222-2340, TTY 711 or elections@sos.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Election Calendar Highlights1

Election Calendar and Explanations2

Campaign Finance Calendar13

Qualifications for Elective Office16

Polling Place Hours.....17

Municipal Election Schedule18

Contact Information

Local Boards of Canvassers19

State Elections and Political Party Offices.....20

Information Available on Secretary of State’s Website.....20

ELECTION CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- › **March 27, 28 and 29**

Disaffiliation for candidates

- › **May 25**

Deadline to register to vote in order to file a declaration of candidacy

- › **June 13**

Last day for disaffiliation for primary voters

- › **June 25, 26 and 27**

Declaration of candidacy filing period (All candidates for federal office and independent presidential electors file with the Secretary of State's Elections Division; all candidates for general assembly, local offices, district committees and local committees file with local boards of canvassers.)

- › **August 12**

Deadline to register to vote in the party primaries

- › **September 11**

PRIMARIES

- › **October 7**

Deadline to register to vote in the general election

- › **November 6**

GENERAL ELECTION

ELECTION CALENDAR & EXPLANATIONS

› **March 27, 28 and 29**

DISAFFILIATION - CANDIDATES

Candidates filing a declaration of candidacy for party nominations must be disaffiliated from any other political party (if a member) at least 90 days prior to filing their declaration of candidacy.

§17-14-1.1

› **May 25**

REGISTRATION - CANDIDATES

Persons filing declarations of candidacy must be registered to vote at least 30 days before filing their declarations of candidacy.

§17-14-1.2

› **June 13**

DISAFFILIATION - PRIMARY VOTERS

Persons intending to vote in a primary must be disaffiliated from any other political party (if a member) at least 90 days prior to the primary.

§17-9.1-24

› **June 25, 26 and 27**

DECLARATIONS

Dates for filing declarations to be candidates in primaries or to be independent candidates in general election. Candidates for federal office and independent presidential electors file with the Secretary of State's Elections Division. Candidates for general assembly, local offices, district committees and local committees file with local boards of canvassers.

§17-14-1

› **June 28**

PARTY NOMINATIONS

For any state office for which no primary nomination has been made and any local office for which no nomination has been made by any authorized city, town, ward, or district committee or any duly authorized subcommittee, state committees of political parties may file party nominations within 24 hours of the deadline for the filing of declarations of candidacy in the same location where the individual nominated would have filed their declaration of candidacy for such office.

§17-12-2

› **June 28**

DISTRICT ENDORSEMENTS

District committees file with local boards of canvassers lists of candidates having district committee endorsement. (Senatorial and representative district committees from the City of Providence file with the Secretary of State's Elections Division.) To be filed not later than the day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy.

§17-12-11

› **June 28**

CITY/TOWN/WARD ENDORSEMENTS

City, town and ward committees file with local boards of canvassers lists of local candidates having committee endorsements. To be filed not later than the day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy.

§17-12-11

› **June 29**

STATE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENTS

State committee notifies the Secretary of State's Elections Division of the endorsement of candidates to be voted upon by congressional district. To be filed not later than the second day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy.

State committee to file with local boards of canvassers lists of candidates having committee endorsement when city, town or district committees have failed or neglected to do so. To be filed within 24 hours after city, town or district committees have failed to endorse.

§17-12-4

› **July 3**

NOMINATION PAPERS

Party and independent candidates obtain nomination papers. Candidates for federal office and independent presidential electors (or their designees) obtain nomination papers from the Secretary of State's Elections Division. Candidates (or their designees) for the following offices from the City of Providence obtain their nomination papers from the Secretary of State's Elections Division: senator, representative, and senatorial and representative district committees. All other general assembly, local offices, district committee and local committee candidates obtain nomination papers from local boards of canvassers. To be done within 2 business days of the final day of filing endorsements. (June 29 is final day for endorsement; June 30 is a Saturday; July 1 is a Sunday; July 2 is first business day; July 3 is second business day.)

§17-1-7

Persons other than candidates picking up nomination papers from the Secretary of State's Elections Division (148 West River Street, Providence, RI) must have written authorization from the candidate.

§17-14-4

› **July 13**

NOMINATION PAPERS - COMPLETED

All candidates (or their designees), except electors for independent presidential candidates, file completed nomination papers with local boards of canvassers. To be filed on or before the 60th day before primary.

§17-14-11

› **July 16**

OBJECTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL OFFICES

Final date to file objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for local offices. Objections to be filed with the local board of canvassers the next business day after the final date for filing nomination papers. (July 14 is a Saturday; July 15 is a Sunday; July 16 is the first business day.)

§17-14-13

› **July 16**

WITHDRAWALS OF CANDIDATES FROM LOCAL OFFICES

Final date for local candidates to file withdrawals of candidacy. To be filed where nomination papers were filed. Note: In the event an objection has been filed, withdrawal to be filed within 24 hours of decision.

§17-14-15

› **July 18**

DECISIONS ON OBJECTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR LOCAL OFFICES

Local boards of canvassers to make decisions on objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for candidates for local offices. Decisions to be made within 2 days of objections, exclusive of Sundays and holidays.

§17-14-14

› **July 19**

NOMINATION PAPERS - CERTIFICATION

Last day for local boards of canvassers to file primary and independent nomination papers for federal and state offices, and certifications for local offices with the Secretary of State's Elections Division. Local boards to file not later than 54 days prior to the primary.

§17-14-12

› **July 20**

OBJECTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICES

Final date to file objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for all state and federal offices. Objections to be filed with the Secretary of State's Elections Division by the next business day after the final date for filing nomination papers.

§17-14-13

› **July 20**

WITHDRAWALS OF CANDIDATES FROM STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICES

Final date for state and federal candidates to file withdrawals of candidacy. To be filed where nomination papers were filed. Note: In the event an objection has been filed, withdrawal to be filed within 24 hours of decision.

§17-14-15

› **July 20 at 5 p.m.**

LOTTERY FOR PRIMARY BALLOT

The Secretary of State will conduct a lottery to determine ballot placement for unendorsed federal and state party candidates on primary ballots. The lottery will be held at 5 p.m. in the Governor's State Room, State House. If decision rendered on July 23 removes a candidate involved in the lottery, candidate's name will be removed from the ballot.

§17-15-8

› **July 20 at 5 p.m.**

LOTTERY FOR ELECTION BALLOT

The Secretary of State will conduct a lottery to determine ballot placement of recognized political parties and independent candidates [except electors for independent presidential candidates - see September 14] for the general election ballots. The lottery will be held at 5 p.m. in the Governor's State Room, State House.

§17-19-9.1

› **July 23**

DECISIONS ON OBJECTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICES

Board of Elections to make decisions on objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for candidates for state and federal offices. Decisions to be made within 2 days of objections, exclusive of Sundays and holidays.

§17-14-14

› **July 30**

BRAILLE/TACTILE MAIL BALLOT REQUESTS

Final date for those voters who are blind or visually impaired to request a Braille or a tactile primary mail ballot from their local board of canvassers.

§17-19-8.1

› **August 7**

PRIMARIES - OFFICIALS

Local boards of canvassers to appoint wardens, moderators, supervisors and clerks at least 35 days prior to the primaries.

§17-15-13

› **August 8**

LOCAL QUESTIONS

Local boards to certify to the Secretary of State's Elections Division a copy of each question to be submitted to the electors of the city or town. To be done not later than the 90th day before the election.

§17-19-7

› **August 12**

VOTER REGISTRATION - PRIMARY

Final date for voter registration for primaries. Registration must be made at least 30 days prior to the primary.

§§17-1-3, 17-1-7

› **August 13**

CANVASS NOTICE

Local boards of canvassers to post and advertise notice of canvass at least 10 days prior to canvass.

Notice to be posted not later than August 13 in order for canvass to be conducted by August 22.

§17-10-5

› **August 17**

VOTER LISTS - PRELIMINARY

Local boards of canvassers to prepare and post preliminary lists of voters eligible to vote in the primaries. To be posted forthwith after close of voter registration for the primary.

In accordance with Chapter 17-9.1, certain registrations processed on the last day to register to vote are allowed a 5-day transmittal period. Accordingly, local boards cannot prepare and post preliminary lists of eligible voters until after this 5-day transmittal period.

§17-10-3

› **Within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting list**

VOTER LISTS - NAMES ERRONEOUSLY INCLUDED OR OMITTED

Affidavit to be filed with local boards of canvassers by person claiming that their name has been erroneously included or omitted from the preliminary voting lists. To be done within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting lists.

§17-13-2

› **August 21**

MAIL BALLOT APPLICATIONS

Final date to submit application for a regular mail ballot for primaries. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 21 days prior to primaries.

§17-20-2.1

› **August 21**

VOTER LISTS

Local boards of canvassers are to canvass and correct voting lists before the 20th day prior to primaries. (20th day is August 22 – must be done before this date)

§17-10-5

› **August 22**

EMERGENCY MAIL BALLOTS

Beginning of the period for emergency mail ballot applications for those voters whose circumstances necessitating a mail ballot arise during the period August 22 through September 10 at 4 p.m.

§17-20-2.2

› **August 24**

VOTING LISTS - FINAL - PRIMARIES

Local boards of canvassers to post final corrected copies of voting lists for primaries.

§§17-10-5, 17-10-14

› **August 24**

MAIL BALLOTS - CERTIFICATION

Local boards of canvassers to certify mail ballot applications to the Secretary of State's Elections Division not later than 18 days prior to the primaries.

§17-20-10

› **August 31**

PRIMARIES - PARTY OFFICIALS

Local boards of canvassers to appoint watchers, checkers and runners for primaries. Appointments to be made from lists provided by city and town party committees at least 10 days prior to the primaries. (September 1 is a Saturday)

§17-15-13

› **August 31**

PRIMARIES - POSTING NOTICE

Local boards of canvassers to post notice of primaries in each voting district. To be done at least 8 days prior to primaries. Local boards of canvassers may substitute posting of notices by publication in the newspaper. (September 3 is a holiday)

§17-15-17

› **September 7**

NOMINATION PAPERS – COMPLETED – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

All presidential electors for independent presidential candidates submit nomination papers to local boards. To be filed on or before 60th day before election.

§17-14-11

› **September 10 at 4 p.m.**

EMERGENCY BALLOT APPLICATIONS

Final date to submit application for emergency ballot for primaries. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 4 p.m.

§17-20-2.2

› **September 11**

PRIMARIES

§17-15-1

› **September 11 at 9 p.m.***

MAIL BALLOTS

Final date for receipt of mail ballots by Board of Elections for primaries. Must be received by the Board of Elections at 50 Branch Avenue, Providence, RI not later than 9 p.m.

§17-20-16

› **September 12**

TABULATION OF RETURNS

Local boards to meet, tabulate city and town primary returns as the case may be, and announce results. Certificates of nomination or election not to be issued until expiration of period for requesting recount, and if recount is requested, following decision thereon.

§17-15-30

** Pending introduced legislation that would change the time to 8 p.m.*

› **September 12**

RECOUNT REQUESTS

Final date for candidates to request Board of Elections to conduct a recount of votes cast at a specific voting location or locations, or for filing other protests concerning the primary. Must be filed not later than the day following the primaries.

§17-15-34

› **September 13**

NOMINATION PAPERS – CERTIFICATION – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Local boards of canvassers to file nomination papers for presidential electors for independent presidential candidates with the Secretary of State's Elections Division. Local boards shall certify nomination papers to the Secretary of State's Elections Division not later than 54 days before the date of the election.

§17-14-12

› **September 13**

NAMES OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

The secretary or duly authorized individual of each national party shall certify to the Secretary of State's Elections Division the names of individuals nominated as the party's candidates for president and vice president. The names of independent candidates for president and vice president must also be submitted by the authorized individual for those political organizations that have qualified independent presidential electors. By regulation adopted May 15, 1996 to be filed not later than 54 days before the date of the election.

› **September 14**

FILLING VACANCIES

Final date for filling vacancies caused whenever a nominee of a recognized political party removes themselves from the jurisdiction of the district or as a candidate for the office for which the nominee seeks election. In the event of death, the vacancy can be filled at anytime. Vacancies must be filed where declarations would have been filed.

§17-15-38

› **September 14**

LOCAL CANDIDATES

Local boards of canvassers to certify to the Secretary of State's Elections Division the names of candidates for each local office and the party name under which they were nominated, and the names of all qualified independent candidates for each local office. To be done not later than the third day following the date of the primaries.

§17-19-7

› **September 14**

NOMINATION PAPERS – OBJECTIONS – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Final date to file objections to nomination papers for presidential electors for independent presidential candidates. Objections must be filed by the next business day after the final date for filing nomination papers.

§17-14-13

› **September 14**

NOMINATION WITHDRAWALS – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Presidential electors for independent presidential candidates file withdrawals with the Secretary of State's Elections Division. If an objection has been filed, withdrawals may be filed within 24 hours after the Board of Elections renders its decision.

§17-14-15

› **September 14 at 5 p.m.**

LOTTERY FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

The Secretary of State will conduct a lottery to determine ballot placement of presidential electors for independent presidential candidates for the general election ballots. Lottery will be held at 5 p.m. in the Governor's State Room, State House. (If decision rendered on September 17 removes presidential electors for a particular presidential candidate, the names will be removed from the ballot.)

§17-19-9.1

› **September 17**

NOMINATION PAPERS – DECISIONS – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Board of Elections to make decisions on objections to nomination papers for presidential electors for independent presidential candidates. Decision to be made within 2 days of objection, exclusive of Sundays and holidays.

§17-14-14

› **September 24**

BRAILLE/TACTILE MAIL BALLOT REQUESTS

Final date for those voters who are blind or visually impaired to request a Braille or a tactile general election mail ballot from their local board of canvassers.

§17-19-8.1

› **October 2**

GENERAL ELECTION – OFFICIALS

Local boards of canvassers to appoint officials for general election. Appointments to be made from lists provided by city and town committees at least 35 days prior to the general election.

§§17-11-11, 17-11-13

› **October 7**

VOTER REGISTRATION – GENERAL ELECTION

Final date for voter registration for the general election. Registration must be made at least 30 days prior to the general election.

§§17-1-3, 17-1-7

› **October 8**

CANVASS NOTICE

Local boards of canvassers to post and advertise notice of canvass at least 10 days prior to canvass.

Notice to be posted not later than October 8 in order for canvass to be conducted by October 17.

§17-10-5

› **October 12**

VOTER LIST – PRELIMINARY

Local boards of canvassers must prepare and post preliminary lists of voters eligible to vote in the general election. To be posted forthwith after close of voter registration for the general election.

In accordance with Chapter 17-9.1, certain registrations processed on the last day to register to vote are allowed a 5-day transmittal period. Accordingly, local boards cannot prepare and post preliminary lists of eligible voters until after this 5-day transmittal period.

§17-10-3

› **Within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting list**

VOTER LISTS – NAMES ERRONEOUSLY INCLUDED OR OMITTED

Affidavit to be filed with local boards of canvassers by person claiming that their name has been erroneously included or omitted from the preliminary voting lists. To be done within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting lists.

§17-13-2

› **October 14**

PARTY CONVENTIONS

State conventions for political parties in Rhode Island shall be held not later than October 14.

§17-12-13

› **October 16**

MAIL BALLOT APPLICATIONS

Final date to submit application for a regular mail ballot for the general election. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 21 days prior to the general election.

Exception: deadline to apply for a mail ballot to vote only for president and vice president is October 30. (Federal Voting Rights Act 1973aa-1(d))

§17-20-2.1

› **October 16**

VOTER LISTS

Local boards of canvassers are to canvass and correct voting lists before the 20th day prior to the general election. (20th day is October 17 – must be done before this date)

§17-10-5

› **October 17**

EMERGENCY MAIL BALLOTS

Beginning of the period for emergency mail ballot applications for those voters whose circumstances necessitating a mail ballot arise during the period October 17 through November 5.

§17-20-2.2

› **October 19**

VOTING LISTS – FINAL – ELECTION

Local boards of canvassers to post final corrected copies of voting lists for election.

§§17-10-5, 17-10-14

› **October 19**

MAIL BALLOTS – CERTIFICATION

Local boards of canvassers to certify mail ballot applications to the Secretary of State's Elections Division not later than 18 days prior to the general election.

§17-20-10

› **October 30**

WARRANTS – POSTING

Final day for city and town clerks to issue and post warrants notifying of the general election. To be issued and posted at least 7 days prior to Election Day.

§17-18-3

› **November 5 at 4 p.m.**

EMERGENCY BALLOT APPLICATIONS at 4 p.m.

Final date to submit application for emergency ballot for the general election. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 4 p.m.

§17-20-2.2

› **November 6**

ELECTION DAY

§17-18-5

› **November 6 at 9 p.m.***

MAIL BALLOTS

Final date for receipt of mail ballots by Board of Elections for general election. Must be received by Board of Elections at 50 Branch Avenue, Providence, RI, not later than 9 p.m.

§17-20-16

** Pending introduced legislation that would change the time to 8 p.m.*

› **November 13**

RECOUNT REQUESTS

Final date for candidates to request Board of Elections to conduct a recount of votes. Petition to be filed within 7 days after the election.

§§17-19-36, 17-19-37

› **December 17**

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

Meeting of Presidential Electors to be held at the State House at noon.

§17-4-11

› **January, 2013**

COMMITTEES – ORGANIZATION

City, town and district committees to organize.

§17-12-9

› **Within 10 days of organization**

COMMITTEES – FILINGS

City, town and district committees, within 10 days of organization, file lists of officers and members with the Secretary of State's Elections Division and local boards of canvassers.

§17-12-9

NOTES:

› Rhode Island General Laws, §17-1-7, provides for uniform deadlines as follows:

- Unless another time is specified, a uniform deadline of 4 p.m. is established.
- If any filing deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, such deadline shall be construed to fall on the next business day subsequent thereto, provided, however, that this does not apply to registration to vote thirty (30) days prior to an election or primary.

› The determinations herein are a matter of interpretation and are intended solely as a guide. They do not constitute official interpretation of state law.

› All statutory references are to Title 17 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended as of December 31, 2011.

› The Office of the Secretary of State will post changes to Title 17 that affect this election calendar on our website at www.sos.ri.gov. There will be a link on the Elections Division page that will take you to the status of any laws affecting the dates in this guide.

2012 CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR

Note: “NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION”

Any candidate for public office, as defined in §17-25-3, is required to file a “Notice of Organization” with the Board of Elections prior to receiving any contributions or expending any money in the furtherance or aid of his/her candidacy or at the time of filing his/her declaration of candidacy, whichever occurs first. (Note: Persons who have a current “Notice” on file with the Board of Elections and who regularly file reports with the Board are not required to file an additional “Notice.”)

› **January 31, 2012 (not later than)**

POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES – TREASURER

Designation of a campaign treasurer by each state and municipal committee of a political party.
§17-25-9.

› **March 1, 2012**

ANNUAL REPORTS

Each state and municipal committee of a political party must file an annual report setting forth in the aggregate all contributions received and expenditures made during the previous calendar year.
§17-25-7(b).

› **April 30, 2012**

(For reporting period January 1, 2012 thru March 31, 2012)

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from candidates, political parties, and political action committees.
§17-25-11.

› **July 31, 2012**

(For reporting period April 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2012)

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from candidates*, political parties, and political action committees.

* Candidates who file their “Notice of Organization” during the declaration period need not file this report. The first report of contributions received and expenditures incurred shall be due as follows:

- › IF A CANDIDATE IN THE PRIMARY, the report for the period between the date of declaration and August 13, 2012, shall be due on August 14, 2012.
- › IF NOT A CANDIDATE IN THE PRIMARY, the report for the period between the date of declaration and October 8, 2012, shall be due on October 9, 2012.

§17-25-11.

› **August 14, 2012**

(For reporting period July 1, 2012 thru August 13, 2012)

PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in a primary must file reports 28 days prior to the party primaries.
§17-25-11(a)(2).

› **September 4, 2012**

(For reporting period August 14, 2012 thru September 3, 2012)

PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in a primary must file reports 7 days prior to the party primaries.

§17-25-11(a)(2).

› **October 9, 2012**

PRE-ELECTION REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in the election must file reports 28 days prior to the election.

If the candidate, political party or political action committee:

› **PARTICIPATED IN THE PRIMARY** (Does not include unsuccessful primary candidates. See October 9th) the reporting period is September 4, 2012 thru October 8, 2012.

› **DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PRIMARY** the reporting period is July 1, 2012 thru October 8, 2012.

§17-25-11(a)(2).

› **October 9, 2012**

(For reporting period September 4, 2012 thru October 8, 2012)

POST-PRIMARY REPORTS – UNSUCCESSFUL PRIMARY CANDIDATES

All unsuccessful primary candidates must file reports 28 days after the primary.

§17-25-11(a)(3).

› **October 30, 2012**

(For reporting period October 9, 2012 thru October 29, 2012)

PRE-ELECTION REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in the election must file reports 7 days prior to the election.

§17-25-11(a)(2).

› **October 31, 2012**

(For reporting period July 1, 2012 thru September 30, 2012)

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from candidates, political parties and political action committees that are not participating in the September primary or November election.

§17-25-11.

› **December 4, 2012**

(For reporting period October 30, 2012 thru December 3, 2012)

POST-ELECTION REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that participated in the election must file reports 28 days after the election.

§17-25-11(a)(3).

› **January 31, 2013**

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from all candidates, political parties, and political action committees.

If the candidate, political party or political action committee:

- › **PARTICIPATED IN THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 ELECTION** the reporting period is December 4, 2012 thru December 31, 2012.
- › **WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE PRIMARY** the reporting period is October 9, 2012 thru December 31, 2012.
- › **DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN A PRIMARY OR ELECTION** the reporting period is October 1, 2012 thru December 31, 2012.

§17-25-11.

For further information regarding campaign finance requirements, contact:

Rhode Island State Board of Elections

50 Branch Avenue

Providence, Rhode Island 02904

phone: 401-222-2345

fax: 401-222-4424

e-mail: campaignfinance@elections.ri.gov

website: www.elections.ri.gov

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

OFFICE	AGE	STATE RESIDENCE	U.S. CITIZEN	YEARS IN TERM	# OF TERMS
President	35	14 years in U.S.	yes, natural born	4	2
Vice President	35	14 years in U.S.	yes, natural born	4	no limit
Presidential Elector	18	30 days	yes	n/a	no limit
U.S. Senator	30	yes	9 years	6	no limit
U.S. Representative	25	yes	7 years	2	no limit
State Senator	18	30 days	yes	2	no limit
State Representative	18	30 days	yes	2	no limit

POLLING PLACE HOURS

OPENING TIMES OF POLLS

CITY/TOWN	OPEN	CITY/TOWN	OPEN
Barrington	7 a.m.	Newport	7 a.m.
Bristol	7 a.m.	New Shoreham	9 a.m.
Burrillville	7 a.m.*	North Kingstown	7 a.m.
Central Falls	7 a.m.	North Providence	7 a.m.
Charlestown	7 a.m.*	North Smithfield	7 a.m.
Coventry	7 a.m.	Pawtucket	7 a.m.
Cranston	7 a.m.	Portsmouth	7 a.m.
Cumberland	7 a.m.	Providence	7 a.m.
East Greenwich	7 a.m.	Richmond	7 a.m.*
East Providence	7 a.m.	Scituate	7 a.m.
Exeter	7 a.m.	Smithfield	7 a.m.
Foster	7 a.m.	South Kingstown	7 a.m.
Glocester	7 a.m.	Tiverton	7 a.m.
Hopkinton	7 a.m. *	Warren	7 a.m.
Jamestown	7 a.m. **	Warwick	7 a.m.
Johnston	7 a.m.	Westerly	7 a.m.*
Lincoln	7 a.m.	West Greenwich	7 a.m.
Little Compton	7 a.m. *	West Warwick	7 a.m.
Middletown	7 a.m.	Woonsocket	7 a.m.
Narragansett	7 a.m.		

**in primary elections in the towns of Burrillville, Charlestown, Hopkinton, Westerly, Richmond, and Little Compton polls shall open at 9 a.m.*

***in primary elections in the town of Jamestown polls shall open at 8 a.m*

CLOSING TIMES OF POLLS

The polls in all cities and towns in Rhode Island will remain open for voting until 8 p.m. Any person eligible to vote who is in line to vote at 8 p.m. will be allowed to cast their vote before the polls close.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULE

Most cities and towns hold their municipal elections at the same time as the general election. The following communities are exceptions:

CENTRAL FALLS

Held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years, quadrennially.
(November 5, 2013)

PROVIDENCE

Held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years, quadrennially.
(November 4, 2014)

WOONSOCKET

Held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years, biennially.
(November 5, 2013)

CONTACT INFORMATION

LOCAL BOARDS OF CANVASSERS

›Barrington Town Hall, 283 County Rd.	247-1900
›Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court St.	253-7000
›Burrillville Town Hall, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville	568-4300
›Central Falls City Hall, 580 Broad St.	727-7450
›Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trl.	364-1200
›Coventry Town Hall, 1670 Flat River Rd.	822-9150
›Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave.	780-3126
›Cumberland Town Hall, 45 Broad St.	728-2400
›East Greenwich Town Hall, 125 Main St.	886-8603
›East Providence City Hall, 145 Taunton Ave.	435-7502
›Exeter Town Hall, 675 Ten Rod Rd.	294-2287
›Foster Town Hall, 181 Howard Hill Rd.	392-9201
›Glocester Town Hall, 1145 Putnam Pike	568-6206
›Hopkinton Town Hall, 1 Town House Rd.	377-7777
›Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Ave.	423-9804
›Johnston Town Hall, 1385 Hartford Ave.	553-8856
›Lincoln Town Hall, 100 Old River Rd.	333-1140
›Little Compton Town Hall, 40 Commons	635-4400
›Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Rd.	849-5540
›Narragansett Town Hall, 25 Fifth Ave.	782-0625
›Newport City Hall, 43 Broadway	845-5386
›New Shoreham Town Hall, Old Town Rd., P.O. Box 220	466-3200
›North Kingstown Town Hall, 80 Boston Neck Rd.	294-3331
›North Providence Town Hall, 2000 Smith St.	232-0900
›North Smithfield Town Hall, 575 Smithfield Rd.	767-2200
›Pawtucket City Hall, 137 Roosevelt Ave.	728-0500
›Portsmouth Town Hall, 2200 East Main Rd.	683-3157
›Providence City Hall, 25 Dorrance St.	421-0495
›Richmond Town Hall, 5 Richmond Townhouse Rd.	539-9000
›Scituate Town Hall, 195 Danielson Pike, North Scituate	647-7466
›Smithfield Town Hall, 64 Farnum Pike, Esmond	233-1000
›South Kingstown Town Hall, 180 High St., Wakefield	789-9331
›Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Rd.	625-6703
›Warren Town Hall, 514 Main St.	245-7340
›Warwick City Hall, 3275 Post Rd.	738-2000
›West Greenwich Town Hall, 280 Victory Hwy.	392-3800
›West Warwick Town Hall, 1170 Main St.	822-9201
›Westerly Town Hall, 45 Broad St.	348-2503
›Woonsocket City Hall, 169 Main St.	767-9223

CONTACT INFORMATION

STATE ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL PARTY OFFICES

› **Office of the Secretary of State**

Elections Division

148 W. River St., Providence, RI 02904

222-2340

› **Board of Elections**

50 Branch Ave., Providence, RI 02904

222-2345

› **Rhode Island Democrat Party**

151 Broadway, Suite 310, Providence, RI 02903

272-3367

› **Moderate Party of Rhode Island**

175 Metro Centre Blvd., Warwick, RI 02886

533-3360

› **Rhode Island Republican Party**

1800 Post Rd. Suite 17-I, Warwick, RI 02886

732-8282

› **Americans Elect**

P.O. Box 27875, Washington, DC 20038

202-223-5152

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE

The following information concerning the 2012 election cycle is posted at www.sos.ri.gov.

- › 2012 Election Calendar - English & Spanish
- › 2012 How to Run for Office Guide - English & Spanish
- › 2012 How to Register and Vote Guide - Available soon
- › Declaration of Candidacy Form - Available soon
- › Political Party Endorsement Form - Available soon
- › Qualified Federal and State Candidates: Starting June 26, 2012, daily updates of federal and state candidates who filed and/or qualified for ballot placement
- › Qualified Local Candidates: Starting June 26, 2012, daily updates of local candidates who filed and/or qualified for ballot placement
- › Sample ballots - Available August 2012
- › Find your polling place
- › Mail Ballot Applications - Available soon
- › Voter Referenda Handbook - Available September 2012